



ONCE A YEAR DAY: Commissioner Jacqueline McMickens addresses award-winners and their guests at City Hall ceremonies.

## City Hall Plaza Adorned With DOC Colors

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realized he was under surveillance, he ran. Giving chase, Officer Pagan overtook the man several blocks away and arrested him.

While on duty in the punitive segregation unit at the Adolescent Center on March 31, 1983, Officer Smith saw an inmate move toward another with a knife. Officer Smith moved swiftly to disarm the attacker and prevented injury or loss of life without regard for his own personal safety.

When a fellow officer staggered into the staff office of the Training Academy last September 23rd, unable to breathe and choking, Officer Parker raced to the distressed officer and applied the Heimlich maneuver. On the third attempt, the blockage was overcome and the officer stopped choking.

On January 15, 1984, Officer Heines of the Anna M. Kross Center on Rikers Island was informed that an inmate was attempting to hang himself with a belt. Officer Heines responded and with the aid of three inmates, cut the belt and lowered the inmate. Finding no apparent pulse or respiration, Officer Heines began heart massage and mouth-to-mouth resuscitation. Breathing was restored and the inmate survived.

In March, 1984, as he verified the count in a housing area at the Adolescent Center, Officer Pena spotted an inmate hanging in his cell. Officer Pena alerted Officer Baily entered the cell and cut down the inmate. Officer Pena and Baily revived the inmate who survived.

In commemoration of his 36 years of service to the Department of Correction, retired Captain Alfred Mandanici was presented with the Certificate of Merit.

### Rakis Honored

Former Director of Health Services, John Rakis, now with the Board of Correction as its deputy executive director, received the Department's Certificate of Merit for devising and implementing the Suicide Prevention Program, which has received acclaim as being the best in the nation. Commissioner McMickens said in her Correction Day remarks, "We have not eliminated suicide from our midst.... but with this program we have saved lives, given suicide prevention aides among our inmate population a greater sense of self worth, and fostered positive relationships between inmates and staff." Officers Richard Monroe and Hortense Wiley, who worked with Rakis, won the Department's Commendation Award, given to members of the Department in performance of duty for a highly creditable or unusual accomplishment, demonstrating intelligence, resourcefulness and ability.

### HDM Cited

In 1984 Unit Citation was presented to the House of Detention for Men, which exemplified the professionalism of the agency by performing as a unit.

Commissioner McMickens observed the change in the institution. "I don't have to look very far for a reminder of what kind

of condition that command was in just a couple of years ago," she said. "Nobody wanted to work in that place. Now, through good management and dedication of staff, the situation has been turned around. Captain Charles Coleman commands a central punitive segregation unit that not only serves his own facility, but solves problems for every institution in our system."

Accepting the citation on behalf of the staff of HDM were then Warden Otis Bantum current Warden Thomas Murray, Captain Coleman of its Punitive Segregation Unit, and Officer Willie Sutton, the COBA delegate.

Deputy Warden Anthony DiRusso was awarded the 25 year perfect attendance Award. Other honors presented on Correction Day were Excellent Duty, which is given to an employee for an intelligent brave or skillful act or valuable service demonstrating special faithfulness, perservance and service to the Department. Letter of Appreciation recipients are acknowledge for an act or accomplishment performed off duty, reflecting credit to the Department. Certificate of Education Achievement and Perfect Attendance Awards for 20, 15, 10 years of service were given.

The national anthem was sung by Officer Emma Parnell of the Queens Court Pens. Ray McKinley, jazz pianist, accompanied Officer Parnell. The Department's Emerald Pipe Band provided a musical selection. ■

# Correction Men and Women on the Move



**JUST IN CASE:** Each year the Department and other agencies cooperates with the Port Authority on a practice disaster drill. This year, Rikers Island hosted the drill, Operation Low Key, under the coordination of Supervising Warden Martin Monteiro. Here, D.O.C. personnel ministers to victims of an imagined air crash.



**MARCHING PROUD:** Members of the Correction Emerald Pipe Band joined the line of march up lower Broadway in the City's magnificent salute to the U.S. Olympians. The pipers also played at the Department's annual Correction Day ceremonies at City Hall.



**HONORED:** Commissioner McMickens was honored along with actor Tony Roberts and mortician William Thompson by the New York Council of Churches, which has been actively involved in inmate programming for many years.



**CONFERENCE:** Present and would-be volunteers attended a day-long conference at the Manhattan House of Detention that focused on their role in the agency. Here, C.I.F.W. Warden Dante Albertie discusses volunteer programs at his facility.



**SALUTE:** The Department's suicide prevention program, lauded as a national model, received recognition at Correction Day when Officers Hortense Wiley and Richard Monroe, program coordinators, received commendations, and Director of Health Services John Rakis (now deputy executive director of the Board of Correction) was honored with a Meritorious Service Award.



**MANDY:** Retiring after 16 years as president of the Correction Captains Assn. and 36 at Correction, Alfred Mandanici received a specially-mounted Certificate of Merit from Mayor Koch on Correction Day.